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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-23 are allowed.

Oath/Declaration

The Examiner has required a new oath or declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §

1.67(a). Attached hereto is a newly executed Supplemental Declaration to comply with this

requirement.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Early and favorable notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

In the event that any matters remain at issue in the application, the Examiner is invited to

contact the undersigned in the Northern Virginia area, for the purpose of a telephonic interview.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies,

to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional

fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney